

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 288

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carolyn D. Forster, on receiving the 2015 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Carolyn D. Forster, recipient of the 2015 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount in recognition of her many contributions to her community; and

WHEREAS, established in 2000 by Leadership Blount, the award recognizes individuals whose sustained actions and leadership reflect the commitment to lifelong service that is promoted by the organization; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Carolyn Forster works assiduously as a board member of Blount Memorial Hospital, and a member of the board of directors of Leadership Blount, WUOT 91.9 Inc., and East Tennessee Quality Growth; and

WHEREAS, she contributes her time and energies to the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Guild, the Community Action Agency Senior Action Council, the Legal Aid Society Advisory Board, and the United Way of Blount County Community Impact Committee; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Blount County and a graduate of Porter High School, Carolyn Forster received her Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1969; and

WHEREAS, she worked as a teacher at Friendsville High School for one year, and then commenced employment with the Tennessee Air National Guard as secretary to the commander at McGee Tyson Airbase, a position she held from 1972 to 1985, after which she pursued full-time parenting and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Forster rendered sterling service as executive director of Leadership Blount from 1995 to 2004, and then as a facilitator for KUB's PACE 10 Partners Council from 2005 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, she has lent her many talents and leadership acumen to such noteworthy causes and organizations as Foothills Fall Festival, United Way, Blount County American Red Cross, Little River Watershed Association, Child and Family Services of Blount County, Haven House, Sam Houston Historic Schoolhouse Association, Relay For Life, Maryville College, Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Alcoa Foundation, East Tennessee Regional Leadership Association, Tennessee Association of Community Leadership, and Nine Counties One Vision; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors, Carolyn Forster was named to the Daily Times Wall of Fame in 2001 and received the Bob Gonia Leadership Award in 2004 and the Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal in 2003; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Carolyn Forster for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Carolyn D. Forster on receiving the 2015 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, thank her for her tireless service to the people of Blount County and this State, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.